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Marine Guidance (6/2019)

GUIDANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION, 1988

Applicable to: All Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Flag State Surveyors, Recognized Organizations, Master and Officers of Myanmar Flagged Ships

References: (a) International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 and Protocol of 1988, as amended
(b) IMO Resolution A. 948(23) and MEPC. 128(53)

Summary

As the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has ratified the Load Lines Protocol of 1988 (LL PROT 1988) which will enter into force for Myanmar on 3 January 2020, all Myanmar flagged ships are required to comply with the Provisions of Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) which prescribed in Protocol.

Purpose

1. The purpose of this guidance is to assist the ship owners, operators, flag state surveyors, recognized organizations, master and officers of the merchant ships for the implementation of the HSSC on the vessels flying the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Application

2. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has ratified and deposited the adoption of LL PROT 1988 to IMO on 3 October 2019. Therefore, all ships entitled to fly the flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall become effect the application of HSSC on 3 January 2020.

3. Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Flag State Surveyors, Recognized Organizations, Master and Officers of Myanmar Flagged Ships are required to follow the Resolution A. 948(23), as

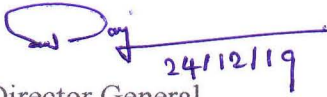
revised by MEPC. 128(53), and the instructions provided in this guidance for the implementation of HSSC.

Uniform implementation of the HSSC for Cargo Ships

4. Existing International Load Line Certificates will remain valid until such time when HSSC certificates are issued or until their expiration date, whichever first occurs.
5. The Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate (SC Certificate) is to be used as the basis to implement the HSSC considering that SC Certificate governs the interval for the dry-docking surveys.
6. The validity date of the current SC Certificate is to be used as the basis for implementing HSSC on a particular vessel.
7. International Load Line Certificate issued to Myanmar Flagged Ships needs to be renewed with validity of 5 years at the first renewal survey of SC Certificate on and after 3 January 2020. Accordingly, the existing International Load Line Certificates remain valid until renewal survey of the existing SC Certificate.
8. In the case where International Load Line Certificate is renewed before the first renewal survey of SC Certificate on and after 3 January 2020, that International Load Line Certificate shall be issued using HSSC certificate form with the validity limited to the expiry date of the existing SC Certificate. In this case, the International Load Line Certificates issued may have an initial validity less than 5 years and annual endorsements should start with the top line and proceed down until the certificate expires, recognizing that not all endorsement lines will be signed.
9. If the latest renewal surveys of International Load Line Certificate completed within 3 months before the date of renewal survey of SC Certificate, it may be valid at the renewal survey of SC Certificate.
10. In the case of SC Certificate expires first after 3 January 2020, the International Load Line Certificate is also to be re-issued in HSSC format at the same time the SC Certificate that is issued in HSSC format. The validity period of the International Load Lines Certificates would be adjusted to correspond with that of the HSSC-SC Certificate.
11. If the International Load Line Certificates' renewal surveys have been completed within 3 months after the completion of the SC Certificate renewal survey, the validity period of that certificate would be adjusted to correspond with that of the HSSC-SC Certificate.

Port State Control (PSC)

12. PSC officers are requested to accept the implementation which complied with the provision of this guidance during the transition period for applying the provisions of LL PROT 1988 to Myanmar flagged vessels in conducting Port State Control Inspection according to the provisions under Article 21 of Load Line Convention.

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